

United States Fencing Association Affiliate Statement of Description & Purpose

The Southern California Division is formed for the following charitable purposes:

- 1) To promote the social welfare by advancing physical fitness through the establishment, maintenance and promotion of regular programs of athletic activity, physical conditioning and training in the art and sport of fencing.
- 2) To combat juvenile delinquency by providing, for children and youths, regular supervised programs of wholesome athletic activity and training in the art and sport of fencing.
- 3) To further individual self-discipline, build character and promote sportsmanship by providing regular supervised training, instruction and competitions in the art and sport of fencing.
- 4) To aid in the improvement and development of the powers of analysis, thinking, decision-making and self-discipline of the individual through training in the art and sport of fencing.
- 5) To encourage programs of supervised and qualified instruction with approved and trained coaches and teachers in the art and sport of fencing.
- 6) To organize and supply directions for inter-collegiate and inter-scholastic fencing meets and competitions.
- 7) To instruct the public and provide general information with respect to the art and sport of fencing and the benefits to be derived from participation therein through lectures and other programs on the subject useful to the individual and beneficial to the community.
- 8) To disseminate knowledge and basic factual material about the art and sport of fencing.
- 9) To promote classes of formal instruction in the art and sport of fencing by a regular faculty according to a popular curriculum at fixed locations.
- 10) To establish and promote a nationwide program of fencing competitions.
- 11) To promote the growth of fencing clubs and salles d'armes throughout the territory.

- 12) To support the individuals and teams to represent the United States in international competitions including the Olympic games and the Pan-American games.
- 13) To encourage the art and sport of fencing within its territory, to uphold amateur status in respect to fencing and to formulate and enforce regulations relating thereto.
- 14) To uphold rules for management of fencing contests and exhibitions in the United States of America, its territories and possessions.
- 15) To group all amateur fencers within its territorial jurisdiction for the purpose of conduction annual local and national championships, and competitions preliminary thereto designed to awaken and maintain interest in competitive fencing as well as in the art of fencing as a cultural promotion and an exercise.
- 16) To promote “people-to-people” friendship by maintaining harmonious relations with fencing systems of foreign countries and committees of other organizations interested in promoting international competitions and advancing the sport and art of fencing.

I, Tigran Shaginian, acting as Chairperson of the Southern California Division, hereby certify that this statement of description and purpose is correct.

Tigran Shaginian

Southern California Division

Chairperson Signature

Date

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